



Village of El Portal Meeting

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Mayor Cubillos: our main council meeting to order. Today is May 28th and it is 7:03 PM. If I can please have a moment of silent meditation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

[silence]

Speakers: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Cubillos: Madam clerk, may I please have roll call?

City Clerk: Roll call, Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

City Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Nickerson

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Here.

City Clerk: Councilman Mathis is not here yet. Councilperson Urbom.

Councilman Urbom: Here. Present.

City Clerk Jacobi: Councilwoman Roman.

Councilwoman Roman: Here

City Clerk Jacobi: For the record, it was [unintelligible 00:01:02] Jacobi, Village clerk, is the other village manager and [unintelligible 00:01:10]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, great. May I please have the motion of approval of the agenda?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Motion to approve the agenda.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion has been made by vice mayor Nickerson, is there a second?

Councilwoman Roman: I'll second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by councilperson Councilwoman Roman. All in favor signal by saying "Aye."

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Speakers: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any nays? Hearing none our agenda for this evening does pass. Has any council member had the opportunity to review the minutes for April 16th, regular council meeting?

Councilman Urbom: I only had a chance to read half of- only half of the minutes. I didn't hear the rest of it.

Councilwoman Roman: Mayor, I did and I have a couple- just a couple of comments, if I may. There are many times in the minutes, I didn't actually noticed it from previous minutes and it's probably the same error, but that I'm listed when in reality is the manager Alou. I don't know how-- I know the minutes are recorded now moving forward. We share a mic, that might be where the confusion is. I don't know if perhaps the clerk can verify the minutes before she sends them to the council and before she posts them and verify and make sure that it's correct. Then we-- It's correct **[unintelligible 00:02:30]**.

Councilman Urbom: Is it speech to text, how our minutes are generated?

Mayor Cubillos: It's transcribed. Generally, but right now it's our main concern.

Councilman Urbom: Reading through it, it seems like it's being speech to text, a little bit.

Councilwoman Roman: That's how it seems.

Mayor Cubillos: **[unintelligible 00:02:47]** is there's arrows. I'm assuming there's now a motion to pass the minutes,. Let's get the minutes tabled and have- ask our clerk to review them to ensure that the speaker is the correct person that's- who these notes are being transcribed from. Okay, we'll table that to the June council meeting?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: I remember in the past now mayor, I believe it was last month's minutes that myself and councilor Sebastian **[inaudible 00:03:20]**

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. That was the minutes to the March meeting?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: I think so.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, we'll have the clerk double check the March minutes. This is depending, the ones that we have in the agenda are free. You can refer to them for the March.

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We need to take a look at the March and April minutes, because they Mathis as Eric and Eric as Mathis and Alou as Councilwoman Roman and Councilwoman Roman as Alou. We may need to double check that to ensure that it's the correct text after the person is speaking. Okay, we'll move it to June. Okay, great.

At this time, I also-- I want to start off the meeting by doing a special presentation. For those of you who are relatively new to the council, Aletha Player has been with Florida Power and Light for 45 years, of which she has served 17 of those here as our area manager for external government affairs. When I heard she was retiring I was-- Well, technically she left us right before Irma and I still called her.

It's over Eddy, little Eddy [unintelligible 00:04:36] taker her position at least here, but it took me at least a while to get used typing in AK. [unintelligible 00:04:44] curls and fbnl.com or .org or .gov. With that said, I went to her retirement party. Her official retirement date is May 31st and I only felt the date was right from [unintelligible 00:04:58] to present a proclamation. We also love the way that they start our council meetings and presenting a proclamation and recognizing an individual who has contributed not just to our community, but so many other communities. I went to her- one of her many retirement parties that was well attended and proclamations from all the city was the same verbiage.

The one consistent message that was said was, "How do everything so eloquently and with a consistent smile?" She may yell at us and she may tell the municipality that we're not going to get exactly what we need today, but she'll say it graciously with that smile and will always welcome you with, "Okay." With that said, you can join me at the podium to be read the proclamation to you on behalf of the council and thereafter we'll join you downstairs- the bottom of the podium

Mayor Cubillos: "Village of El Portal Proclamation. Where the Village of El Portal takes great pride in recognizing outstanding professionals who has served to enrich the fabric of our community and whereas, Aletha Player, a South Florida native who worked for 45 years with Florida Power and Light and in recognition of her unwavering leadership, reliability and professionalism, we are pleased to highlight the enormous impact of her contribution to excellence in our community. Whereas Aletha Player worked 17 of those 45 years with El Portal leadership and its residents as the area manager for external affairs. Whereas Aletha Player consistently performed above and beyond her duties in dedication, integrity, perseverance and always wore her infectious smile. Then in turn enhanced the quality of life for thousands of residents during natural disasters. Whereas the Village of El Portal wishes to congratulate Aletha Player and wholeheartedly express our gratitude for her exemplary

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commitment to excellence to our community. Whereas Aretha Player will be retiring from Florida [unintelligible 00:07:23] on May 31st, 2019. Now therefore do I, Claudia V. Mayor Cubillos, as mayor and on behalf of the village council of the Village of El Portal, Florida in recognition of Aletha Player's 17 years of admirable civic duty to our community, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 28th as Aletha Player Day."

[applause]

[background chatter]

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, there we go. All right.

Councilman Urbom: What a good-looking group.

Mayor Cubillos: I should say so ourselves, right?

Aletha Player: Thank you. Mayor and council members. First of all, I want to say thank you very for this public recognition. I am heartfelt with all of the warm wishes and nice comments that have been made over the last month. I have been-- There have been, I think about six or seven parties and I still have two more. I do miss El Portal. I miss your warmth, your work, your kindness. Yes, I received calls from many of you, but I've always seen my job as being to receive those calls.

To do what I can to make this city more responsive to its residents. After all, your calls to me came only as a result of calls that you received and I take that work seriously. I'm sure that I'll see you around town. I'm not leaving [unintelligible 00:09:57] and thank you very much.
[applause]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. At this time, we're going to offer any of our- a couple of residents that we have here, would like to come up and say anything? All right, Scott [unintelligible 00:10:15], no problem. At this time this evening, we have us our legislative team. Comprising of Richard Pinsky, Eli Nauchilius and David Roberts. If you can join us on the microphone to give us an update on the legislative session that has just closed.

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Richard Pinsky: Mayor, thank you very much, council members. For the sake of our new city council members, I'm Richard Pinsky, that's Eli Nauchilius and that's Dave Roberts. We may just shift around a little bit and quiz you all, but-- Thank you everyone for the opportunity and I'll just start off and then see if Eli and Dave have anything they want to add. This session was a new session in terms of a brand-new governor, a brand new cabinet. There was still a lot of feeling out of just what was going to happen. There was also a house and senate leadership that came in that seemed very determined in what they wanted to get done.

Unusual in that- that usually when somebody becomes speakers [unintelligible 00:11:19] they have an agenda. No one is going to take two years. They come and lay out their priorities, get a little bit of the apple and they come back the following session. This came in like gang busters. The speaker leaving just what he wanted. Whether it was MDX, some of the issues on education that he wanted to do. Senate President Gambano came in with some issues he wanted to do on toll roads. The governor wanted \$670 Million for the Ever Glades clean up and water restoration.

They all got what they wanted, [laughs] which is unusual. I don't know what's going to happen next session, because I'm sure they'll have some new priorities coming in. Those issues and as well as hurricane Michael, was the over shadow of the entire session. The water projects were handled a little differently this year. I say that, because El Portal had a water project request and had two of them in. Usually it's the last item to go, you have to have your request heard in the house, which we did. This time budget came out the water projects, the first rounds came out right away. Which was surprising.

They did add a little bit at the end. Before you could even-- Probably intentional, before you could start doing any intensive lobbying to say, "I wanted to get my project in" right before the end. They didn't even know what the allocation was. They came out with basically \$40 Million worth of water projects right away. The house had their list and the senate had their list which again is unusual, because they usually don't do that, wait to the end and they have one list. At the very end, the last weekend of the conference, they took whatever the house had and they took whatever the senate had and adopted them, almost \$49 Million in projects.

For a community, West Miami, they have \$500,000 in unwanted side of the budget. \$400,000 on the other side of the budget and they ended up with \$900,000. It was as thought people who had done this before and were in charge. That wasn't the case, but that was very unusual in the way they just adopted projects. Instead of, "Okay, West Miami. Which one do you want? 500 or 400?" Allowing other communities like El Portal to get a piece of the pie. It's very, very extraordinary as far as how they actually put the water projects together.

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As you know, you spent time in Tallahassee, you spent a lot of time there yourself up in Tallahassee. It is disappointing when you put a request in and you don't get out something. Particularly when you have surrounding communities or other communities that did get something. I will tell you, Miami-Dade county, as a county got nothing. At the end they had three projects in and at the end, they were taken out of the budget before the budget was adopted. There was a lot of political machinations going on, but you don't know, because you're not behind the curtain. It was not any rule of thumb that was followed.

Even though that doesn't usually happen, but on behalf of Akerman and I know Thomas Robert's firm feels the same way, very disappointed. Tonight Eddy Gonzalez could not be here, he's attending a funeral. Feels the same way. We have been assured that next year, even though we didn't make the end, we're going to be at the top of the list. I don't know how the water project is going to be handled next session. We've heard rumors that they're not going to go through the same process. The governor wants them all to be vetted by the state agency first.

There is no criteria. We'll know from the veto message. When he gets back from Israel, they will be getting a budget and they will be issuing a veto message. We've heard that it was a non-veto veto message. In that, "Okay, I'm going to approve all these water projects these year, but next year, it's not going to be done this way." If the veto message is that way, then we'll have that indication, but right now that's the rumor. I'm going to conclude and then turn this over to my colleagues with the one comment that and I know I sound like a broken record, because those of you who've been on the council have heard me say this over and over and over again.

There's more in the budget than water projects. You've got Indian [unintelligible 00:15:45], you have community projects, you have senior programs that you can do. You have a community building here. There's so many other silos in the budget that are available. Yet everybody to the tune of almost \$1.5 Billion, wanted a water silo and only \$50 Million went out. I would encourage you again as we go through our planning, that we sit down and talk about what else that we can get for El Portal, that is not a water project.

Understanding how important it is, but I would encourage you to go through some capital projects that perhaps, advance the amenities. I know we're not adverse sidewalks, but there may be issues. There's just so much else that goes on in the budget that is not involved in the water project silo. I'll be happy to answer-- After Eli and David get through, I'll be happy to answer as they will, any of your projects that's in your packet. These are the big issues that passed. If you have any questions, particularly about any of the issues that are in your packet, I'll be happy to answer any questions.

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Eli Nauchilius: Thank you, Richard and well stated. One thing I'll add is this year is going to be a unique year. The legislation session is going to start early this year. It's going to start in January and conclude in March. Usually a session starts in March and goes through May. Committee weeks starts in September. That's a couple of months from now. Where you don't wait until the mid weeks to start trying to put your projects in.

We've got two brand new members that represent El Portal now and they're fighters. Senator Pizzo, his first year up there, did really good. Representative Dottie Jones had her first year up there. She presented both our water projects and they really worked too. Getting them engaged early. That's what we want to do, sitting down with the mayor and the council, probably starting up in--

Richard: August. After August meeting.

Eli: August meeting, but maybe before then, know what we want to do. That's one thing I probably want to put on the agenda right now. Just letting you know, that session is going to start early this year. Committee week is going to start in September, session starts in January and we'll conclude in March. You're going to have a quick turn around.

David Roberts: Good Evening, ya'll. One thing I'll add to that is-- I'll jump on the bridge for a second. Soon as the governor returns from Israel and oversees the budget, he'll look the budget and he'll veto, take some line out of veto. Some suggest about a Billion Dollars of different projects and whatnot. Then the agencies will be able to start working with us. We intend to sit down with-- As Richard says, partner with environment protection.

That they're going to be the lead on these types of projects. We're going to meet with them quickly and early on, because it is starting quickly. The first committee being mid September, two in October, two in November, two in December. Then January 14th I believe, was start of the session next year. Six a day calendar sessions. We'll need to ramp up really quickly on that.

Richard: Mayor, any questions?

Mayor: I'm in constant contact with them. I didn't know if the-- I drew up a couple of points on a question I wanted to bring up to the council. Have anything for either the gentlemen [unintelligible 00:19:08].

[background conversation]

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Mayor Cubillos: A couple of things. Yes, I know the session starts early. The manager and I have sent you an email, in that hopes that maybe we can [unintelligible 00:19:28] or may be meeting tomorrow, but clearly that doesn't look like it's possible. July would be better than August. We don't have an August meeting.

Richard: That's why I'm suggesting it.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. No, August is our state of the village, I would like to meet in July to be able to convey another message to the rest of the [unintelligible 00:19:48]. The other thing is, I saw Senator Pizzo and Representative Dottie yesterday and they're actually both coming to give a legislative update, not only at the council in June, but they're going to the league meeting in June sixth, in an update to the league. One of the things that I briefly discussed, I don't remember with who, was not only to meet with you all now. Obviously, before [inaudible 00:20:11] and committee start, but to meet with them as well here in Miami while they're here at home.

I know August is the recess month for the most part, but-- I think it's August or July. That's something to really give a look at, is to meet with them while they're here, because I'm a big fan and I'm the first one to say, "Let's get revenue for our senior programs" or what have you, but at the end of the day, infrastructure is what's crucial to us and that's our foundation. It's really, "How do we get that message where there needs to be more money, so that it's equitable to all municipalities.

That one doesn't get more and we all know what that looks like, but that's really our big ask and that's always going to be our big ask and I think that's the same for every municipality. Because, yes, we can come up with a project here and there, a sidewalk sounds good, but the little CITT money that we have. If we use that in conjunction with what- we can ask Tallahassee, but it's going to be infrastructure.

Fundamentally, it's subject to [inaudible 00:21:12] and the [inaudible 00:01:15] and it's going to perpetually be that, because our city is going to be 82 this year. With that comes aging and they need to maintain that. That's really it, I have on my end. It's completely unfortunate that we cannot have a session like we did in 2017, but it is what it is. It's the way the dice has been rolled this year. Yes.

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Vice Mayor Nickerson: Mayor, one quick question. Just like you said and I think you're 100% correct. Infrastructure is our number one focus and that's what we need for our village, but is there ever a limit as far as not only what the city proceeds, but as far as the amount of energy that you all have as lobbyists, to what you can put your energy behind lobbying? Because let's say, is it possible that we still put out the same amount of money and the same amount of requests out for the water projects that we need, but equally we put out requests for other things.

Can you guys facilitate as far as manpower and stuff, pushing all of those things equally or is it that, "No, we can only focus on a few things at one time. Therefore, the water project." If that's what you want, that's the only thing you can focus on, but if not, we can put out even more things and get that at least [inaudible 00:02:49]

Richard: I'll answer that. See if Eli or David want to chime in. The answer is, absolutely our bandwidth is wide. One of the-- Not some of course, but one of our- we believe- assets, when we proposed to represent El Portal, was we are not a firm. There are some firms and they're great firms, that they specialize in local governments. They will go to the legislature with 15, 20, 25 different cities or counties and their equivalent. It's very hard for a legislator to say, "Okay, how do you want to divy up the money?"

Between us, we purposefully limit our local government representation, because you just can't do it. You really have to be very certain that we love El Portal and we treasure it. The short answer is, "Yes", because many requests and I wasn't trying to say exclusively one or the other. There are communities and legislatures that put in 15 requests for one community. In everything. Just put in everything you can and they basically throw it against the wall. There is no formula and some things hit, some things don't.

Everyone will tell you, "There's always an excuse.." "Well, this person's a freshman. That person didn't like that person." This is not done that way. It is more like, "Okay, El Portal won that one." It really is that way. It's a lot of what you know, who you know, but I say I'm a big fan of putting in as many different requests as you can. Of course, we're going to push for water projects and you do deserve it, particularly the one on Northeast [inaudible 00:04:38], because that is a regional project. Any of the outfall, sea level rise, but again, Miami-Dade has some significant, impacting, large region projects that were yanked to begin. There's no telling what the legislature's going to feel like next session.

Mayor Cubillos: Closing on that point, the other discussion Senator Pizzo and I had with the Mayor [inaudible 00:05:05] yesterday, is regional collaboration. Because one of the things

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that [inaudible 00:05:12] did, was it did a collaborated effort and how that looks like? We've not done that before, but if three small municipalities got together and worked together with a lobbying team, what that could look like and that was one of the things we talked about briefly. I think you were there when we spoke about that with Senator Pizzo. He was thinking for the new session to perhaps do something like that with Miami shores as it relates to-- Especially, septic sewer, because we're all connected in terms of how that's going to look like and how that works.

[background discussion]

Mayor Cubillos: All right. Thank you.

Richard: You don't know about hemp or smokable marijuana, nothing? I think that would catch-- Really? Not a single question? Okay, good.

Mayor Cubillos: No, we just have vegetable gardens in the front lawn, but okay.

[crosstalk]

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you for being here, I will get those pictures to you as soon as the meeting is over. Thank you so much. Gentlemen. Thank you for being here. At this time, that was H1. We are going to go right into our [unintelligible 00:26:16] and ordinances. We're going to-- Actually, try to please read ordinance 2019-01. The repeal of [inaudible 00:06:25]

City Attorney Powell: Ordinance 2019-01 [unintelligible 00:26:29] of the El Portal village council. Chapter 18, article two, sections 18 through 16, A, B and C entitled, 'Public Safety Department', [unintelligible 00:26:38] providing an effective date.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, thank you. Do you want to give a little- the 60 days that we have gone over this to the council and for those that are here.

City Attorney Powell: The purpose of this is to again, make the sections consistent with the [inaudible 00:27:00] that we have [inaudible 00:27:04] and also to update the provisions in our code that will be reflective of the existing the department that we have [inaudible 00:27:11]

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Mayor Cubillos: Any questions to the attorney? Okay. Hearing-- Is there a motion to accept ordinance 2019-01?

Councilwoman Roman: I'll motion to accept.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion's been made by Councilperson Councilwoman Roman. Is there a second?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Second that.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Vice Mayor Nickerson. There is a motion to accept ordinance 2019-01, which is the repeal of sergeant charter, second reading. I'm going to close the meeting for public comments. Any public comments for this particular agenda item? Okay, hearing now I'm going to close the public comments and open it back up to the council. Any comments before we request a roll call?

Councilman Urbom: I just have one question. Has [unintelligible 00:28:06] had an input on this? [unintelligible 00:28:06]

City Attorney Powell: No, this was several months before he took over [unintelligible 00:28:06]

Councilman Urbom: Okay. The point of the question is, as he comes in, as he's here now, just curious if he would see any issue with not having a sergeant's position? I don't believe it was you, but--

Mayor Cubillos: This ordinance, I'm going to allow the attorney to-- It's not eliminating the Sergeant's position.

Councilman Urbom: Okay.

City Attorney Powell: Just to answer the question, basically the provision has been on the book since the early '60s. [crosstalk] Basically all we are doing with this ordinance is making the language in the code consistent with what we have now. Basically, the police chief is hired by the [inaudible 00:09:09] manager, prior to that it was called Sergeant. [inaudible 00:09:12] in terms of the hierarchy.

Councilman Urbom: Okay, fair enough.

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Mayor Cubillos: Any other questions? Okay, can I get roll call please?

Court Clerk: Roll call, [unintelligible 00:29:23]

Village Manager Alou: Your vote.

Councilman Urbom: Yes.

Court Clerk: Councilperson Councilwoman Roman?

Councilwoman Roman: Yes.

Court Clerk: Vice Mayor Nickerson?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Court Clerk: Mayor Cubillos?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Court Clerk: Motion passes, four to none.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. We have ordinance 2019-02, which is a flood plan, the second reading. If I could ask the attorney to please read it.

City Attorney Powell: Ordinance number 2019-02, ordinance by the village council amending the Village of El Portal Code of Ordinances to repeal Chapter 7.5, Flood Damage Prevention of the Village of El Portal. Code of Ordinances to adopt a new Chapter 7.5, Flood Damage Prevention to adopt flood hazard maps, to designate a flood plan administrator, to adopt procedures and criteria development in flood hazard areas and for other purposes. Providing for applicability, repealer, severability and an effective date.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you are there any questions for the manager or the attorney on this one? Any comments on that in general? Hearing that, I will-- Is there a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-02?

Councilwoman Roman: I'll motion to accept.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion is made by councilperson Roman. Is there a second?

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Councilman Urbom: I'll Second.

Mayor Cubillos: Seconded by Councilperson [unintelligible 00:31:10]. I'll pause the meeting for public comments. Any comments or questions to the manager or the attorney on the flood plans that week? Hearing none, I'm going to close public comments. Open it up to the council. Any comments before I request a roll call? Hearing none, madam clerk, can I have a roll call please?

Court Clerk: Councilperson Urbom.

Councilman Urbom: Yes,

Court Clerk: Councilperson Roman?

Councilwoman Roman: Yes.

Court Clerk: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Court Clerk: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Court Clerk: Motion passes, four to none.

Mayor Cubillos: All right. Thank you. We're going to go right into committee reports. Mine's probably going to the manager and I have been in a slew of meetings back to back together. I am going to refer to her to review them. Listen closely, we have a lot of exciting things coming up as it relates to the Little Farm where they requested a meeting. We're meeting with them this week. Sanctuary, I heard from them today. Did I hear from them today? I heard from, yes, Sanctuary.

I told it to the manager with regards to-- They were supposed to be the-- County was going to get back to them whether today or tomorrow about their septic to sewer designs. Yes, their sewer designs for the sanctuary which they have been going back and forth with them and we are hoping that's all they are pending to be able to move forward the sanctuary. The sanctuary is the old leader Church which is right at NE 87, 92nd Avenue. Then the last component which we're excited about is that the manager went to a CITT meeting. Coincidentally, the TPO has

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requested a meeting with me on the same day so with that, we're going to get some exciting stuff here for transportation for our residents. We're going to let the manager talk to them a little bit more about that.

Last thing that I wanted to mention is governor DeSantis passed a I believe was a tax bill. Starting in June first through June sixth, legislators that I have in the audience, you cannot yes or no, it's going to be a tax holiday. I'm going to send everything to the manager and to the court tomorrow so that they can post to the website and that is to purchase hurricanes supplies. It's the opportunity. There is a list of hurricane supplies you can purchase, such as generator and what have you.

There are some things that you cannot purchase, that won't be accounted for. I will make sure that we get that list out to the clerk so that it can be emailed to residents and just for knowledge for all of us. That's going to conclude my report today. I'm going to defer to the manager.

Village Manager Alou: Thank you very much. It's been a really busy month. Like the Mayor said, we've been in and out of meetings all month. We have a lot of exciting things coming. I know I've sent the council various briefing memos that discuss this active tea meeting that we had last week. We had an opportunity to participate in the pilot program. It's going to be very exciting for our residents to get a free shuttle or trolley or some kind of transit service to Downtown Miami to Brightline station.

We will need to pay a small portion of that, with that we need to utilize our circuits plus the transfer funds. As they do all their detailed memo, to talk about that we need to utilize this one as well, because the County is reviewing them and considering recapturing them, because we have not used them for a while. In fact, I think we wrote a letter before a number of years and now we're at a fine moment, which is the five-year mark and we should use off the funds.

It's not a lot of money, but it's enough to make at the end of the pilot training program. That is one of the things we can utilize those funds for; a pilot program that can be a shoving service. The other thing is, we could put a little box shelter or service shelter here in front of village town. That would be the location our residents can access the service. The shuttle services is for one year, but with pilot program, is for one year thereafter, we need to see that this as something we need to stay and what we have to do to increase the flip. Asking our council to consider utilizing the request of \$31,000 from our CITT funds to pay for the pilot program. That's one thing I'm asking.

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Mayor Cubillos: I wanted to add to that, we got to be really clear, we have used it. We used it in 2015, for the bus benches and for the trash cans. Now we have not used it in two years, because that was being used as collateral per the prior manager and prior attorney with the Biryani contract with state. We were going to give you some CITT money to pay back a portion of the loan. Please make sure that they know that it's not because we're not aware of it. We are aware of it and we would use it, but we have not used it, because that was going to be used as a form of payment back to the state of Florida.

Village Manager Alou: I ended up just putting that piece out there. Yes, we did use a portion of that as collateral, but that's part of our debt services for this. We're, but we had enough to do this project as well as that. We're pretty interested with that. Something else, so yes, we're putting that for Sertich money to good use. We're also coming up on the end of a roadway assessment. I believe there was a tow in Glasgow, American viewers requested that are engineered from credit assessment to road assessment. I asked them they said yes. So they're wrapping it up now. They have a list of all of the priority areas well to solve the areas where we need help. That's the sidewalk, potholes, resurfacing.

Mayor Cubillos: We have what all will be excellent, so that will be a dollar amount as to what it would take to get.

Village Manager Alou: I think I did forward to all on Friday, because I want to have some numbers just to start with. That's not the whole report that's just the start so please take a look. There are some clearly were talking about a little bit over \$150,000. Our projects are going to be a lot more, but there are some things we can wiggle around. We will probably need to do something with our lobbies as well. We're talking about these capital improvements software before the resurfacing and restructuring so that's well on the way. We have my report.

I've also inquired about the LED lighting that I think this council's Robin asked me about. I've spoken with some independent or some private sector providers as well as MPL and Carla. I was actually handed a good option. As she said she will present us to FBL for a pilot program. I'm hoping to get more information with them. We spoke last week, but we phoned last about it. Hopefully that's the way we can get some LED lighting in here for the internet pilot program. Otherwise, I have received some quotes for LED lighting for the rights of way. I prefer to do a pilot program, but I'll let you I'll give you a report of that one too. Let me go back to my report.

I will let you know that on May 15th, the attorney, Attorney Powell and I as well as chief Magnuson and our CPA Rod Harvey participated in the Help-to-tell Police Department

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collective bargaining. I've been at the opener and we are still working on some of those logistics out, but we did have a very, I thought very fruitful first meeting and I think we will walk away with some things that everybody is happy with. Our chief Magnuson has been doing very well with his first month working with the village and he has made tremendous strides and some administrative matters in terms of police policies and personnel matters.

He's also been working with the ability to train to get MO views we've written an issue we have 30 that we need to have renewed so he'll be doing that in the next few weeks. Marshall in the 30 neutrally agreements with other agencies. He's also working with principal Lawrence and discussing summer training for active shooter at the schools as well as working with the Monday intervals to our intel. [unintelligible 00:40:06] our representative that was there and had some- had a very good person, from what I understand. He's shared that with his police staff as well. He continues to work with me and council and addressing the priorities outlined by the brass and priorities that our council has identified as well. We'll continue to work together. Our planning zoning continues to be very busy. We have two village comprehensive plan workshops coming up.

One is Thursday June 13th at 6:30 here in Village Hall. This is an opportunity for our residents to come out and participate in the comprehensive plan and have-- We're do for some change and some update, so this a time to really have your voices heard and we encourage our residents to come for that. That's June 13th, 6:30 PM and the second one is scheduled for September 4th, which is a Saturday, at 1:00 PM. We are moving forward with our soul smart solar readiness program. We are at bronze level. We have our checklist on the village website. We'll be e-blasting that to residents who want to make their home solar compliant.

This is a really good thing for the village. It's going to be tremendous for us all. We're happy about that. We are doing the hurricane preparedness tree trimming, that will be starting on June 10th at 8:00 AM and the village will be clipping all our right of way landscaping- or rather trees, not landscaping. That's my mistake there. Mitchell Landscaping will be conducting those. We had it coincide with our June bulk pickup. That can decrease some of our cost as well as have it move a lot faster than we did last year.

That is happening. We are not going to talk about that. I'm trying to move quickly, but there's so many things. I talked about the lights. We're at the final stages of our villages financial audit and the year budget review. We are having some meetings with the vice mayor and we'll be meeting with the mayor and any other council persons who are wanting to discuss the specifics of [unintelligible 00:42:28]. We will be presenting something to imminent finance at the June

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fourth meeting. There are some budget-- Some financials that we presented for today. If you've got any questions just let me know.

We're on a schedule for that. I have discussed this before that we are having roof fixed. That is an allocation that I'm asking that the council-- I've already asked here and I'm asking the council now, that we allow the liens settlement money that I got for us a couple of months ago to be allocated for the roof repair. The roof repair is going to be \$6,000. I've received three quotes involved in the process, but I hope you will support us as we get this fixed. We need to utilize those funds for that specific use.

Also, I'm asking that you please accept my recommendations and move forward with our debris management, RP [unintelligible 00:43:28] as well as the debris hauling. Then we can start formalizing things when we have our meeting [unintelligible 00:43:37] hurricane event as well. That's all, I think. For now. But if you have any questions.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, a couple of things. As far as the hauling and the debris, which [unintelligible 00:43:50] resolution to the June meeting, okay? The council can approve that on the website. The other thing that's quite important is we're meeting with school board this week. We've been in so many meetings. I think every single day we've been in a meeting. It's really interesting. She called me right up, gave me a call on a Friday very early in the morning and our conversation was long and it was very good. In that conversation came two things.

Number one, we're all so busy and they were under the assumption that the [unintelligible 00:44:23] expansion somewhat done. When they were aware that-- She was made aware that all of the departments had aligned to get that together. She was really calling me about the easement for septic sewer, but as a result where we meet on Thursday, I believe. Thursday. It is really to see how can we allocate-- How can they allocate an easement for us for the septic sewer and how can we get the [unintelligible 00:44:51] expansion all done? How can we just make this all happen?

I have hopes that that is going to be a very good meeting, because they reached out to us. With that said, I think that that could really be a wow factor for us, but we're not going to talk about it too much. The last thing I want to commend Council Person Councilwoman Roman, 5K was truly a great event. It's an event that's near and dear to me and I hope it outlives me on being here. All the residents that come always love it. You don't have to feel like you've got to run, you can walk, you can push a stroller and all that good stuff. All this community building is what's really made us who we are.

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If we didn't have all the events in the last eight to 10 years I don't know if the residents will know as much each other that they do, so it was a fantastic event. I want to thank all the sponsors and that'll come out on the newsletter. On that note I want to thank Vice Mayor Nickerson, because he single-handedly, by himself, distributed the entire newsletter to our village. It takes a lot of time to put that together. It really takes a combined effort. I want to thank him for single-handedly doing that through rain, through sunshine, through sweating. He made sure that all the residents got the newsletter so that we can all stay informed.

Those are the last two points, which I'm sure there's many meetings we're not talking about, but all of that will be in the report and we'll touch base with it in June as well. Never hesitate to email any single one of us if you have any questions with regards to anything we might've missed out at today's meeting. Did I miss anything?

Village Manager Alou: If I can, when you said, 'Easement', it reminded me that we did get [unintelligible 00:46:35]. We're working on it. [unintelligible 00:46:37]

Mayor Cubillos: Now, they received money in 2017 with Tallahassee. We received 500,000. You can hear me really well. We have done the design and we have done all that and the manager and the attorney are working to get the easement. We're at the last stage. Yes, I saw that, yes. That's where we're using those monies. Vice Mayor Nickerson, you want to-- I see you edging on your seat.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Thank you, ma'am and I appreciate everything that you said. I appreciate it. I just want to say really, really quickly or ask a question. As you correctly pointed out, in the next meeting we'll bring up the debris reso, but she also mentioned the money for the roof, which Councilperson [unintelligible 00:47:26] that's when it was first passed [unintelligible 00:47:28] What do we do? What's the next step for that?

Mayor Cubillos: I emailed the manager and I asked about the budget amendment, if there is one. If we spend-- When we allocate a budget for the year, let's say it's a Million Dollars. If we, by mid-year mark, are trying to spend more than that we must do an amendment to the budget through a resolution and that will come to the June meeting. If we are trending to not go over our budget, there is not going to be an amendment.

The reason sometimes we may be trending to not go over our budget could be, as the manager stated earlier, we received an unexpected-- A collection on link settlement. A house probably got sold. I know many residents think that we don't put liens on the properties, but it all comes

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to fruition when a house is sold. When a house is sold usually the seller or the buyer comes to see the manager and then negotiate a settlement on liens.

With that said, because I actually looked at the financials and I saw that the revenue for liens were way higher than what we anticipate, as far as the budget, because we budgeted the revenue and we budget the expense. We're probably not going to exceed the budget, but then it all depends. We'll know that for June. If it does, then the amendment will come before and all that. In the amendment it's going to say the roof cost this, this cost that and that allowed us to over strain on the budget as we plan for the year, because the budget is planned by totality and by department, but at the end it's totality. Any other questions? Carrying on, our Village Attorney.

Village Attorney Powell: Thank you madam mayor. Manager pretty much highlights a lot of [unintelligible 00:49:13], but I'll just followup with some additional information. With regard to the opener, it did send the [unintelligible 00:49:20] version of the pilot program to take on vehicles. I should be expecting to [unintelligible 00:49:26] sometime later this week and have that presented to the public facility for consideration. In addition that, after a couple of weeks we-- A couple of weeks ago we met with the owners of 495 [unintelligible 00:49:44] third Street [unintelligible 00:49:46]. I finally heard back from their attorney. They're prepared to present a redevelopment agreement. They're want to speak about it this week first.

Mayor Cubillos: Excellent.

Village Attorney Powell: The attorney's Ben Fernandez and [unintelligible 00:49:57] before they actually formally present. Those in the government agreement, Senator [inaudible 00:50:05]. In addition to that, I will be presenting at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting and propose process for vacation is under way. We don't have at present, time for your consideration. Those are just the highlights.

Mayor Cubillos: For clarity purposes, for audience and for the residents listening. The 495 [unintelligible 00:50:29] is the annexed area. That was on a question to ask the attorney this evening. That is the annexed area that we've already been meeting- they're pretty much ready to come to Planning and Zoning, but there's a few things that need to be done internally. that's the annexed area that the attorney was discussing. With that said, any questions for the attorney? Okay, hearing none, there is no unfinished business, there's new business, but I think there's something good in welfare? All good in welfare?

Welfare: Top of the morning.

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Mayor Cubillos: Good in welfare? Yes, she is [unintelligible 00:51:05] agenda. We're gonna present a proclamation to Etha Ferguson, which is one of our residents who recently passed away. Any other group in welfare? Hearing none, I'm going to go back to--

Councilwoman Roman: Can I just go over the 5K really quick?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Councilwoman Roman: I just wanted to thank the sponsors again for the 5K, we did have a wonderful turnout. I believe we may have had the most registered runners and walkers, 73 people in total. I'm waiting to get the numbers from the district of 2015 so that we can just have a track of how many have in from 2015 to now and we take a look at what other marketing we can do.

What we did differently for this time is that we put it on runfind.com, it's a website for runners, so we did get people from southwest Miami, Juab, Juwinca, because they saw it on the website. That did help in getting the southern free runners and walkers. Our principal sponsor was Professional Consulting and Management Group. That definitely came from Danny Rayes for that. Major sponsors were Waste Management and Lucas Studios, he's a resident who designed the 5K t-shirt and it was very popular and very loved the shirts.

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough shirts some people wanted some track orders. Then a supporting sponsor was Kids Town Pediatrics, I believe this is the second year she's sponsoring the event. Thank you. Community sponsors were Orange Sphering, the Woman's Club of El Portal and Renegade Fitness. Thank you again to our sponsors, I will include in our next newsletter along with more information regards to the winners and everything was really great, thank you. I have pictures, I did have pictures today. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Excellent, thank you, any other comments before I-- Yes.

Village Manager Alou: I just want to thank Maggie from-- Chairwoman Audrey Emerson's office, who's the one with me and helping with the development program-- Sorry. The septic plans for the North and second avenue property, the sanctuary projects. We will continue to work together and thank you. It was a lovely time for us. We'll keep working together. Thank you, Maggie.

Mayor Cubillos: And for attending our 5K.

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Councilwoman Roman: And helping so much with the 5K, thank you and village manager, thank you. You did a lot and the police officers also. Our chief Brent and along with his age groups, it was just good. It really was just a great fundraising event overall.

Mayor Cubillos: Good job. With that said, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilwoman Roman: Motion to adjourn.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion's been made by councilperson Roman, is there a second?

Councilman Urbom: I'll second.

Mayor Cubillos: Seconded by councilperson [unintelligible 00:54:12]. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

Speakers: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any nays? Hearing none, our meeting's adjourned at 7:58 PM. Thank you.

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